

I do not approve of having such an expensive cumbersome tool which really is not needed. Telemarketing is a huge industry and provides many jobs to people who cannot work long or regular hours because of their circumstances. As a consumer, I don't find it all that annoying to receive an unsolicited phone call. I have several options when the phone rings; I can choose not to answer if it is an inconvenient time, I can hang up politely at will, or I can listen to the "pitch" and surprisingly, there may be an offer that would benefit me. As a Loan Officer of a large lending institution, I find that being able to target and call specific groups of people allows me to present my product to consumers who probably would not be aware of the advantages to them. Just as effective to eliminate unwanted calls is the free option of a message warning telemarketers not to continue and allow others to press "1 #" to continue. Telemarketing is not nearly as intrusive as is door-to-door sales, or even the pushy, "in your face" salesperson at the mall. We do not need more restrictions on what we can or cannot do as a legal and moral means of earning a living. In our company, many of our telemarketers are single moms who have finally found a viable means of getting off the welfare system, earning a good wage so that they can support their family and gaining a substantial amount of self respect by becoming a "producer" instead of a "receiver".